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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated April 30, 2001 in the above-referenced application, applicants elect group I, drawn to a method of identifying agents that regulate transcriptional activity of human AR, with traverse.

The restriction requirement is traversed on the grounds that examination of all of the groups of the invention indicated in the Office Action would not amount to a serious burden on the PTO. The groups are co-extensive, *e.g.*, a search of each group requires a search for human SLIM3. In the absence of a serious burden of examination, restriction is not proper. See MPEP §803. Thus, the requirement should be withdrawn.

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